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MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 1) A patient has been treated by paramedics for a sprained wrist. En route to the hospital, she suffers a stroke. What is the likely outcome of a negligence lawsuit brought by the patient? 1) _____
 A) The suit would fail because the plaintiff failed to demonstrate malice on the part of the plaintiffs.
 B) The suit would fail because the plaintiff could not demonstrate that the paramedics' actions were the proximate cause of the stroke.
 C) The suit would succeed because the paramedics had a duty to act and the patient suffered actual damages.
 D) The suit would succeed because this was a foreseeable event.

- 2) Under which of the following concepts may paramedics be responsible for the negligence of EMT- Bs under their supervision? 2) _____
 A) Proximate liability
 B) Violation of the EMT oath
 C) Ex parte responsibility
 D) The "borrowed servant" doctrine

- 3) In general, selection of a health- care facility destination should be based on: 3) _____
 A) the facility's request to accept only certain types of patients (e.g., not intoxicated, ability to pay).
 B) distance and paramedic's preference.
 C) whether the patient is insured or whether the patient's insurance will pay for care at that facility.
 D) patient request, patient need, and facility capability.

- 4) The category of law that deals with issues involving conflicts between two or more parties, such as personal injury cases, contract disputes, and matrimonial issues, is _____ law. 4) _____
 A) common
 B) criminal
 C) civil
 D) magistrate

- 5) Your patient is a 45- year- old male with a history of bipolar disorder. He is sitting at the kitchen table, conscious, alert, and oriented. He is pleasant and greets you as you walk in. The patient's wife called EMS because he has refused to take his lithium and is "driving her crazy with his hyperactive attitude." She insists that you transport him to the hospital. The patient admits to voluntary noncompliance with his lithium, stating "I didn't like the way it made me feel." He denies any suicidal thoughts and states that he has not felt "this good for a long time." He is curious about your job and wants to know how he could get into a paramedic class. He states that he's also thinking about going to law school but wants to finish his PhD first. The physical examination is unremarkable, and HR = 82, BP = 122 /80, RR = 10, SaO₂ = 99%. He says, "See, I told you I'm fine. I don't need to go to the hospital." Which of the following is the best course of action? 5) _____
 A) Request police backup, restrain the patient, and transport to the ED for evaluation.
 B) Restrain the patient if necessary and transport.
 C) Explain to the patient that he has no choice. If he is unwilling to take his medication, you must take him to the hospital for evaluation.
 D) Explain to the wife that you cannot force the patient to go to the hospital and that if he refuses you must have him sign a refusal of service form and leave.

- 6) _____ is NOT a matter of civil law. 6) _____
 A) Negligence B) Marriage C) Malpractice D) Battery
- 7) The degree of care, skill, and judgment that would be expected of any similarly trained, reasonable paramedic acting under similar circumstances is called the: 7) _____
 A) scope of practice. B) duty to act.
 C) standard of care. D) test of prudent actions.
- 8) A patient is involved in a car crash. When the paramedics arrive, he complains of neck pain but refuses to let the paramedics immobilize his spine. The paramedics explain the risks of refusing treatment and have the patient sign a release- from- liability form. The patient suffers minor neurological damage and later sues, charging negligence on the part of the paramedics. Which of the following best explains why the patient is not likely to be awarded damages? 8) _____
 A) A monetary award cannot be assigned to the damages.
 B) There was contributory negligence on the part of the patient.
 C) There was no violation of the standard of care.
 D) The paramedics did not have a duty to act.
- 9) Most of the laws affecting EMS and paramedics are _____ laws. 9) _____
 A) state B) federal C) common D) municipal
- 10) DNR orders, durable powers of attorney, and living wills are forms of: 10) _____
 A) advance directives. B) protocols.
 C) standards of care. D) medical orders.
- 11) Which of the following is true in the event that off- duty paramedics provide advanced life- support interventions at an emergency scene? 11) _____
 A) They are protected by Good Samaritan laws in all states.
 B) They will be granted immunity from negligence as long as they follow the standard of care.
 C) They may be charged with practicing medicine without a license.
 D) They have nothing to worry about as long as they have valid paramedic licenses or certificates in the states in which they provided care.
- 12) Which of the following situations MOST clearly involves the patient's consent? 12) _____
 A) Mr. Brown, who is drowsy but quite pleasant, has been drinking wine for "2 or 3 days," and cannot remember if he is in Nashville or New Orleans, does not object when Paramedic Lacey performs a finger stick to check his blood glucose level.
 B) Mrs. Davis offers Paramedic Stevens her left arm after he explains to Mrs. Davis that he needs to start an IV to give her medication to relieve the pain from her fractured right humerus.
 C) Ms. Plummer, who was at first quite agitated, allows Paramedic Phillips to examine her after she was placed in four- point restraints.
 D) Mr. Gage shouts, "No! No! No!" when you try to move him to the cot, but his wife says that "No" is the only thing he can say after his stroke and that he really doesn't mean it.
- 13) In a lawsuit in which a paramedic has been charged with negligence, the paramedic is called the: 13) _____
 A) plaintiff. B) magistrate. C) defendant. D) suspect.
- 14) Which of the following is best described as the unlawful touching of another individual without the individual's consent? 14) _____
 A) Battery B) Malpractice C) Assault D) Negligence

- 15) Which of the following occurrences is LEAST likely to require mandatory legal reporting by the paramedic? 15) _____
- A) Spousal battery
B) Accidental gunshot wound
C) Animal bite from a family pet
D) Public intoxication
- 16) Your patient is a 16- year- old male with a reported history of ingesting 8 to 10 beers over the preceding 2 hours. He fell while jumping on a trampoline in a garage, striking his head on the concrete floor. There was no reported loss of consciousness, but the patient has a laceration to the occipital area of the head. The patient is alert and oriented to person, time, and place but fails to show appropriate concern for his injury and has slurred speech. The parents are unavailable. Which of the following is the best course of action? 16) _____
- A) Treat the patient under the doctrine of implied consent of the parents.
B) Treat the patient as an emancipated minor and allow him to decide whether he wants treatment and transport.
C) Have the patient arrested for underage drinking and obtain the consent of law enforcement to treat the patient.
D) Use the doctrine of *res ipsa loquitur* to support your decision to either treat and release or treat and transport.
- 17) When a party in a lawsuit is dissatisfied with the outcome and wants to have the case heard by a higher court, the case will go to a(n) _____ court. 17) _____
- A) federal
B) administrative
C) appellate
D) trial
- 18) The type of consent that must be obtained from a conscious, competent, adult patient before a paramedic can begin treatment is called _____ consent. 18) _____
- A) ex officio
B) informed
C) implied
D) voluntary
- 19) You have been given medication orders by a physician that you believe will harm your patient. Which of the following should you do? 19) _____
- A) Contact a supervisor in the EMS system and request a second opinion.
B) Question the physician but carry out the order if the physician insists.
C) Question the physician, refuse to carry out the order if the physician insists you do so, and document the incident.
D) Carry out the ordered treatment but note your objection in the patient care report.
- 20) The granting of permission by a governmental body for a qualified individual to engage in a particular profession or occupation is known as: 20) _____
- A) certification.
B) reciprocity.
C) registration.
D) licensure.